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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.

Today through Thursday

- **Elevated fire weather conditions possible over NM this afternoon**
- **No significant weather expected Tuesday**
- **Critical fire weather conditions may be possible over NM and W TX on Wednesday/Thursday**

Friday

- **Next system may produce some strong to severe storms over E OK, AR, NE TX and N LA on Friday**
- **Critical fire weather conditions may continue over NM and W TX on Friday**

River Flood Status

- **Rivers in minor flood in E TX, AR & LA continue to slowly recede or will remain near steady state.**
- **Moderate flooding will continue for at least this week on the Ouachita River in N LA.**
- **Minimal rainfall is expected throughout the next five days across the Region, so additional river flooding is not expected.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

April 9, 2018 – April 13, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Storms					E OK, AR, NETX, N LA
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	NM		NM, TX Panhandle	NM, WTX	E NM, WTX
Winter					
River Flooding	N LA				
	ETX, AR, LA				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

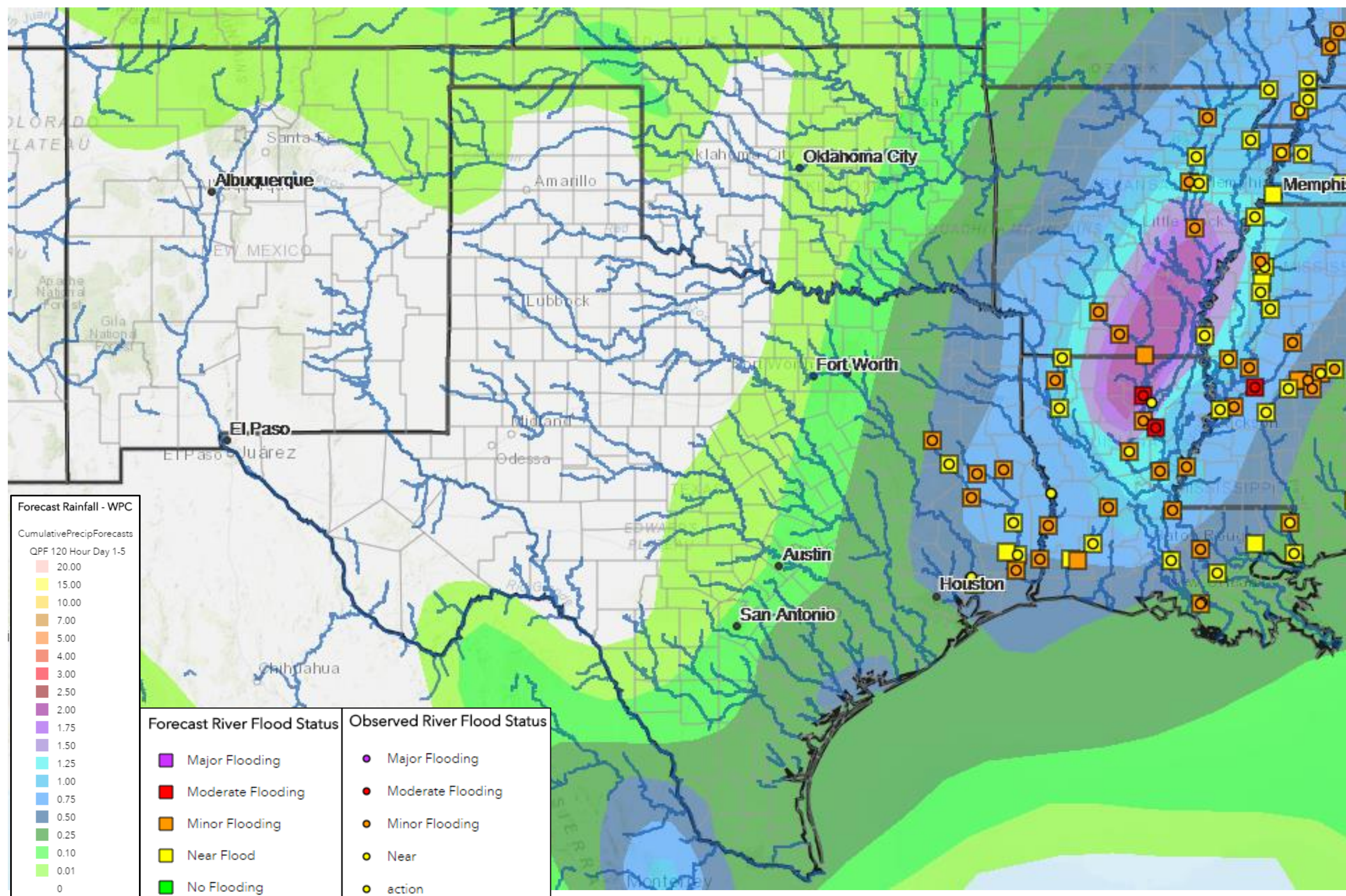
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Rivers in minor flood in E TX, AR & LA continue to slowly recede or will remain near steady state for much of this week.

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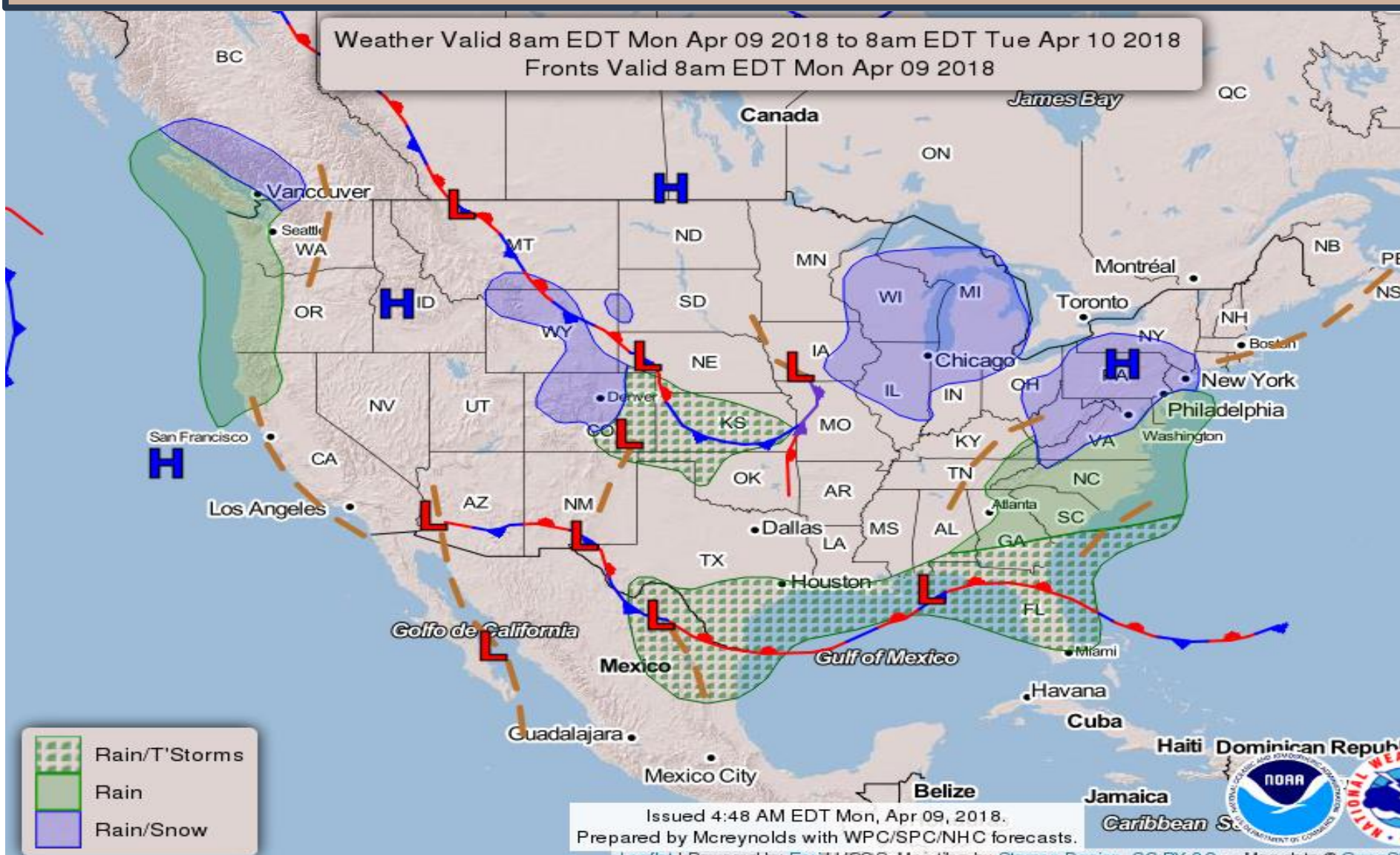
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Today's Weather

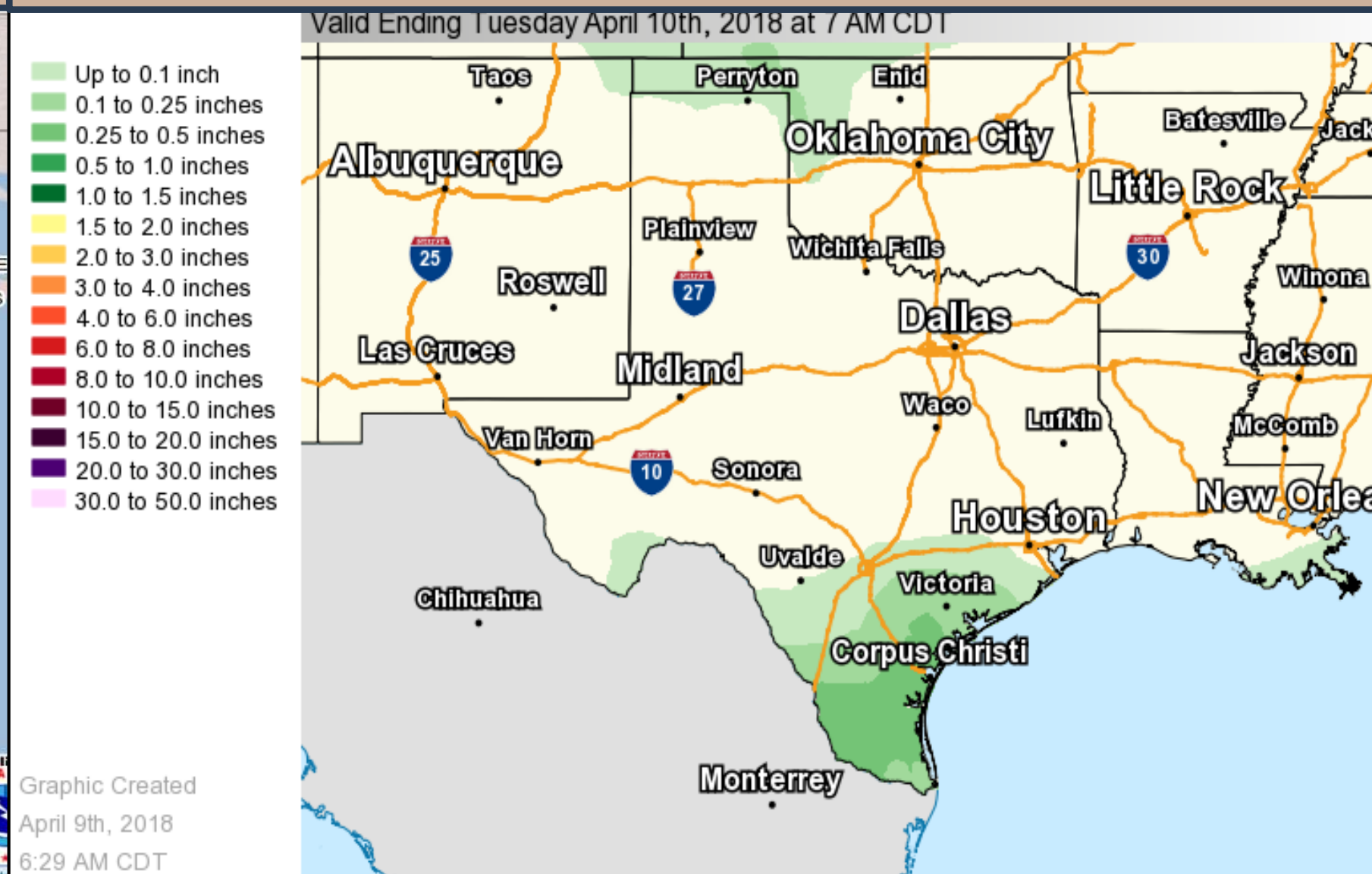


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Forecast Chart

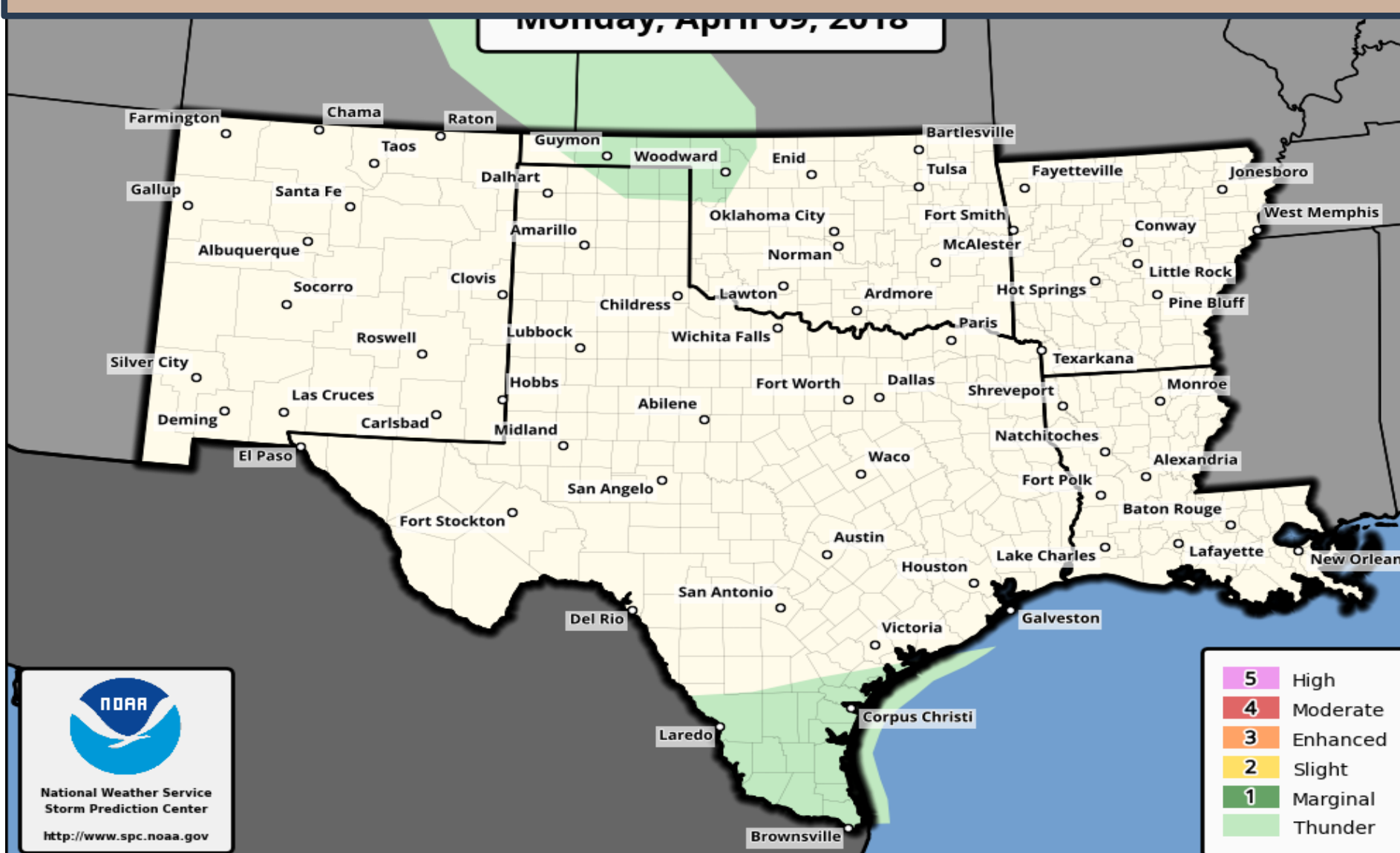


Forecast Rainfall



Elevated fire weather conditions are possible over portions of NM this afternoon (see next slide for details).

Severe Weather Outlook



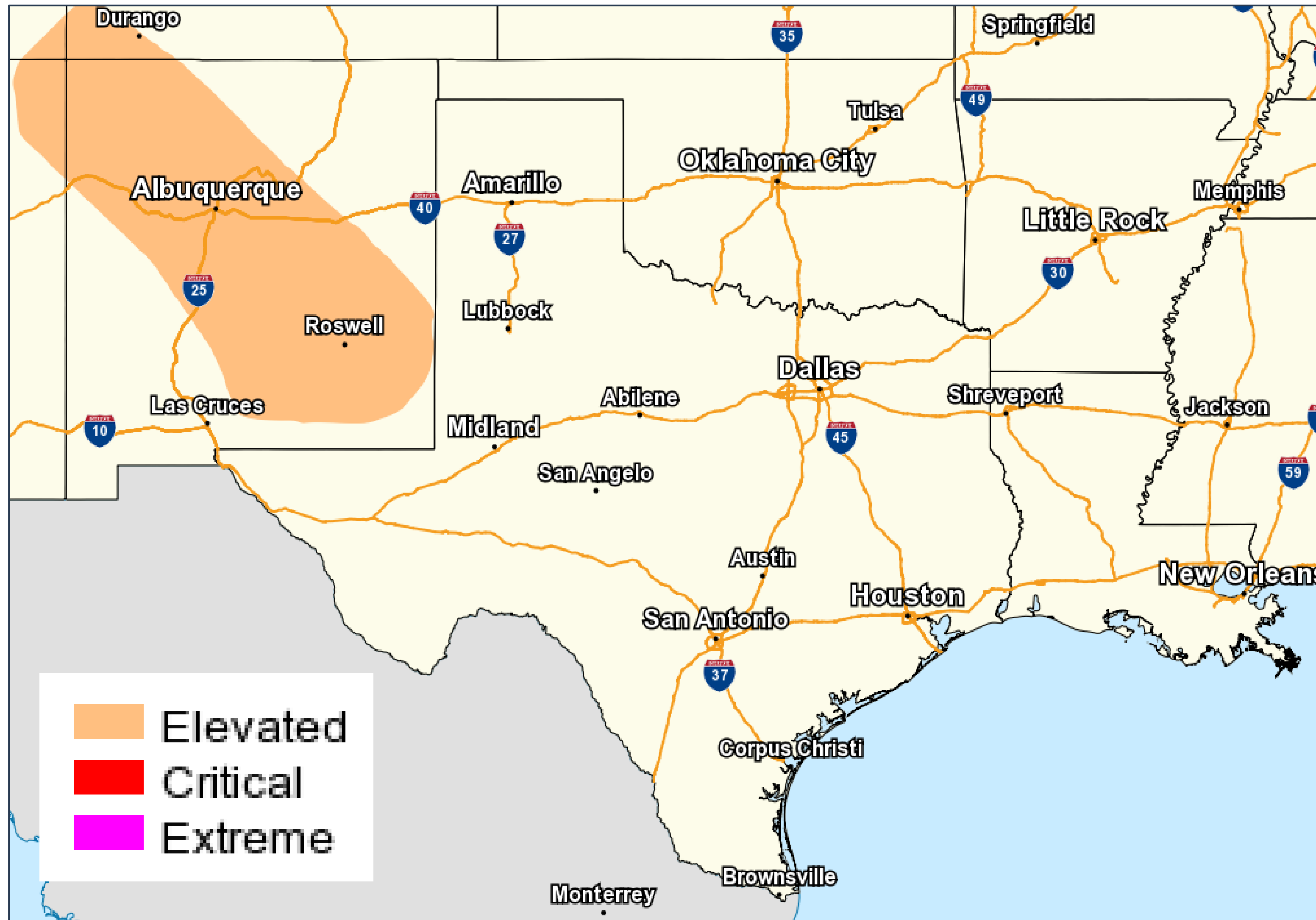
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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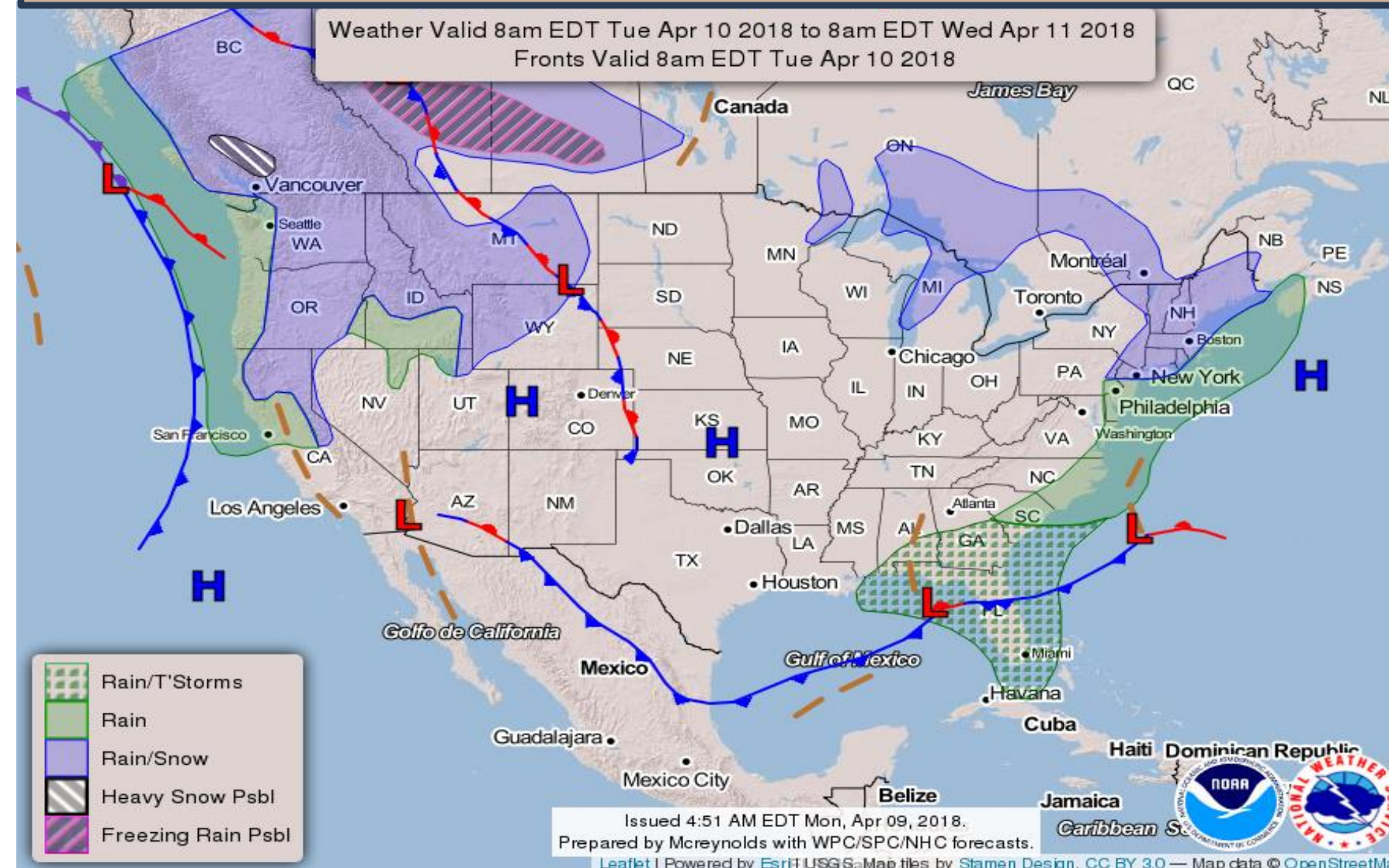
Elevated fire weather conditions are possible across portions of NM this afternoon.

Tomorrow's Weather

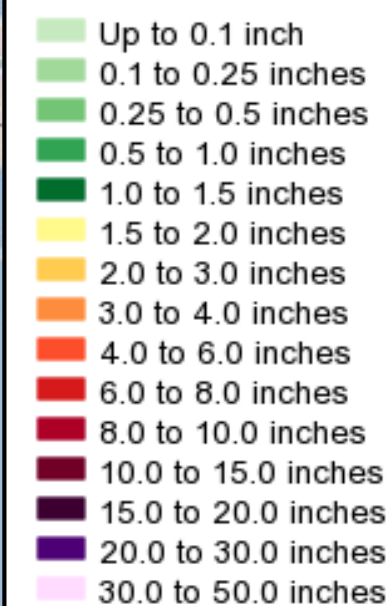


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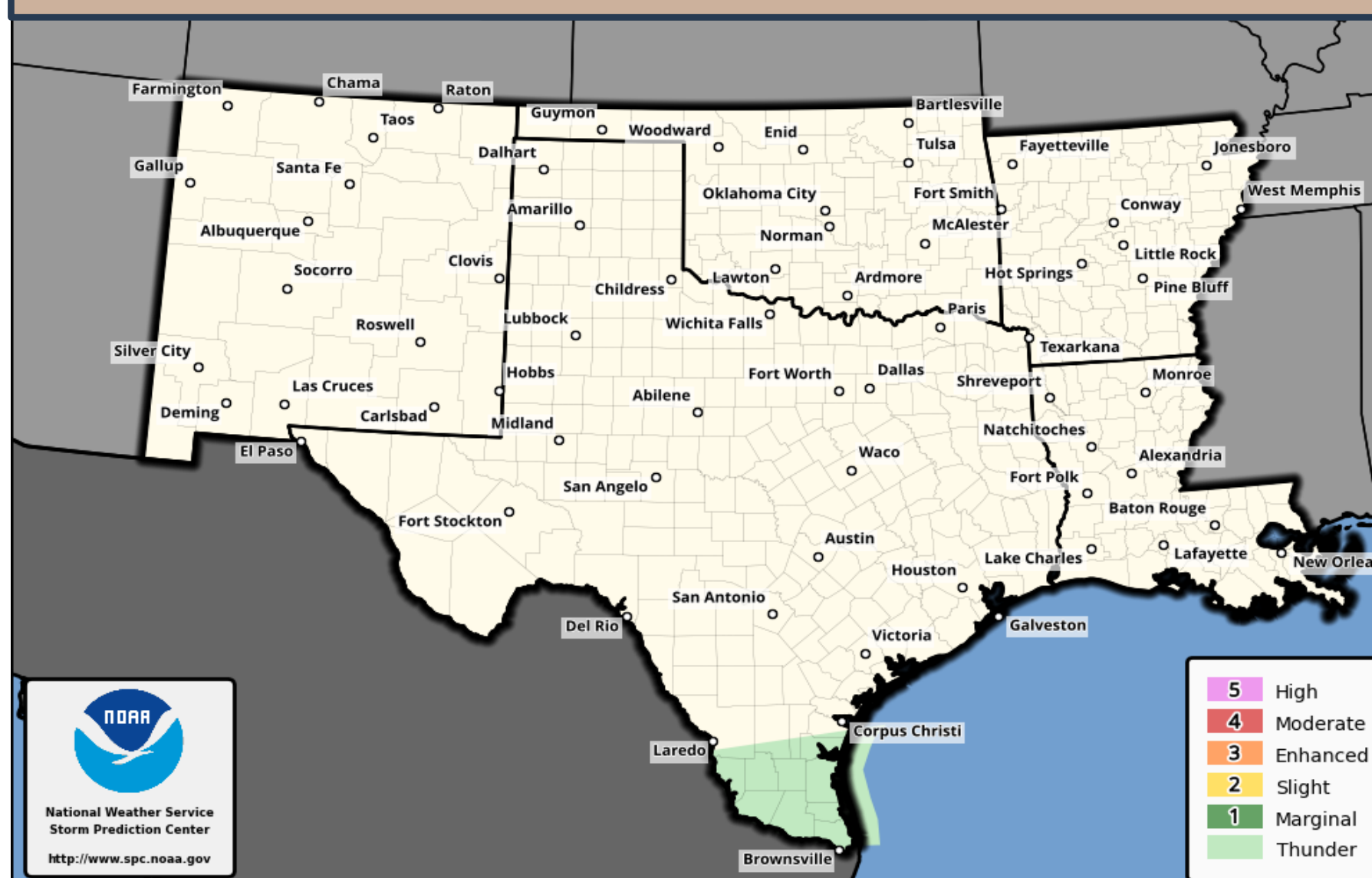


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

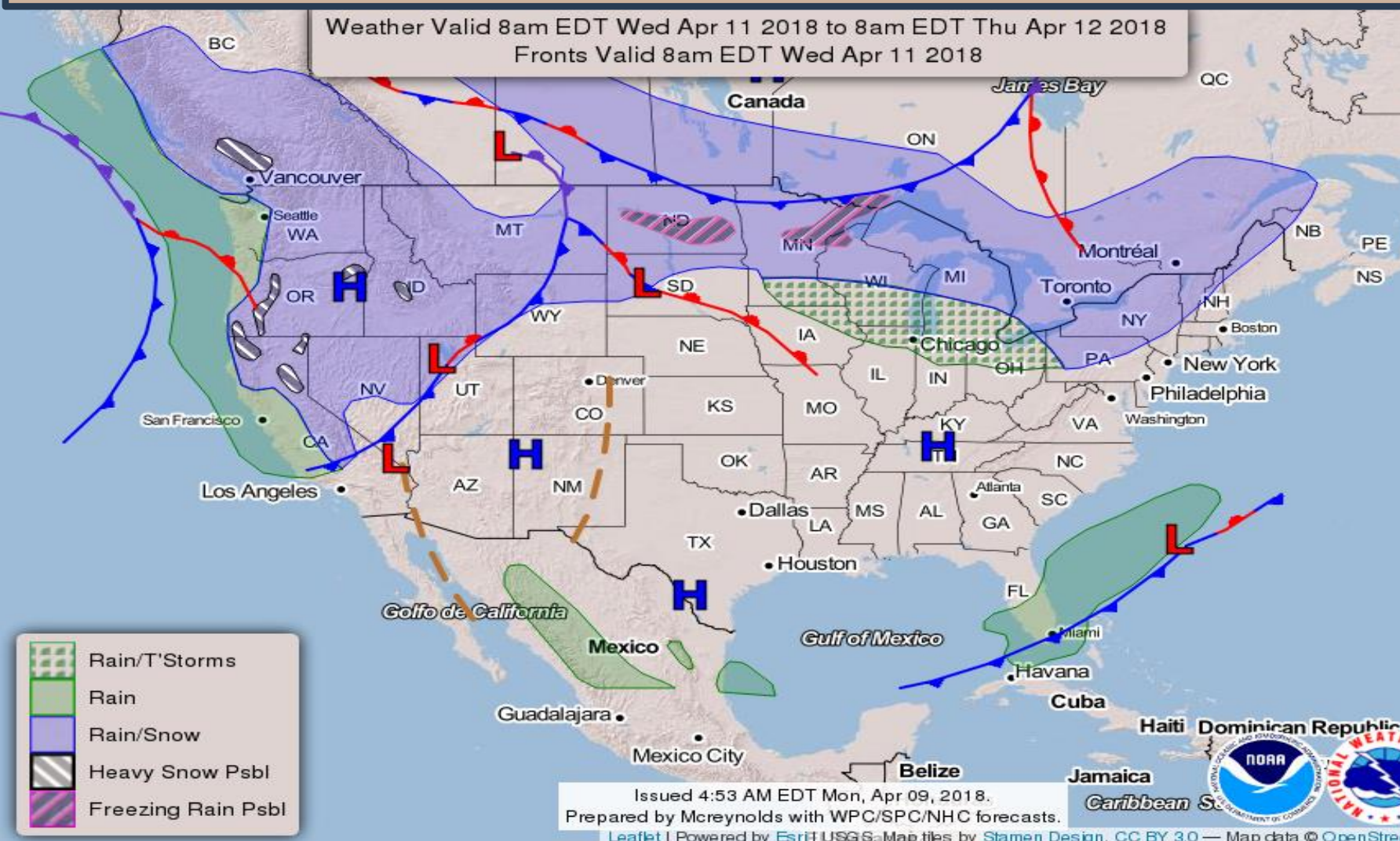


Wednesday's Weather

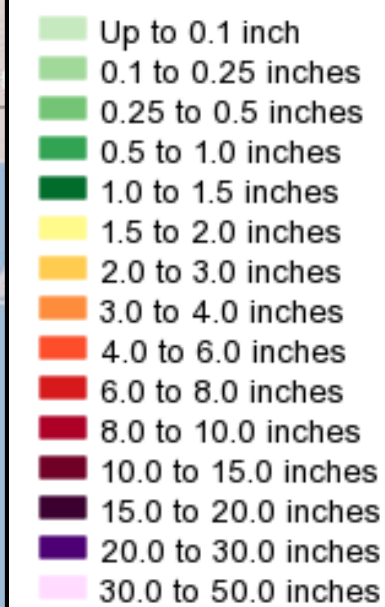


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Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather
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Severe Weather Outlook



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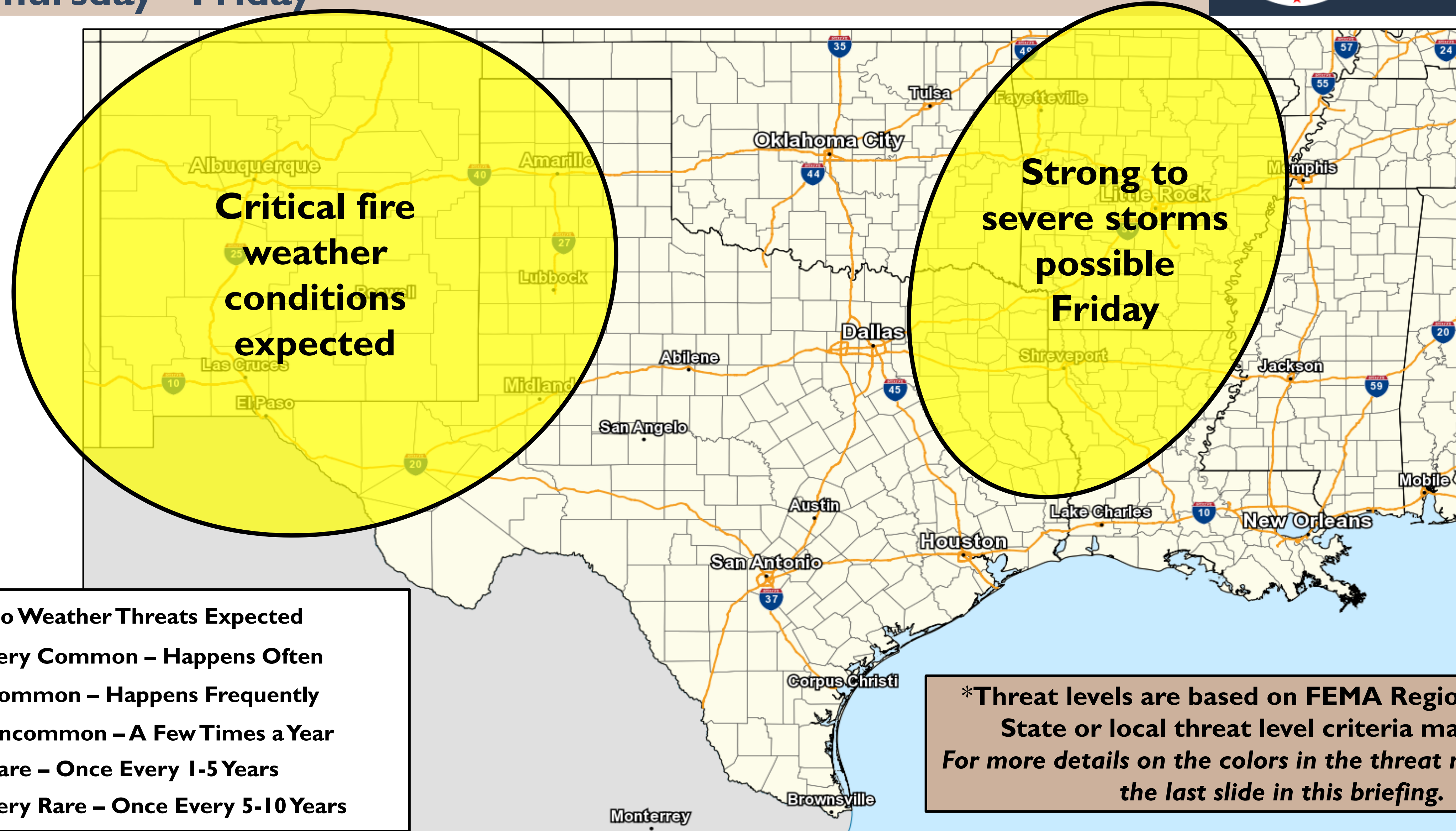


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Thursday - Friday



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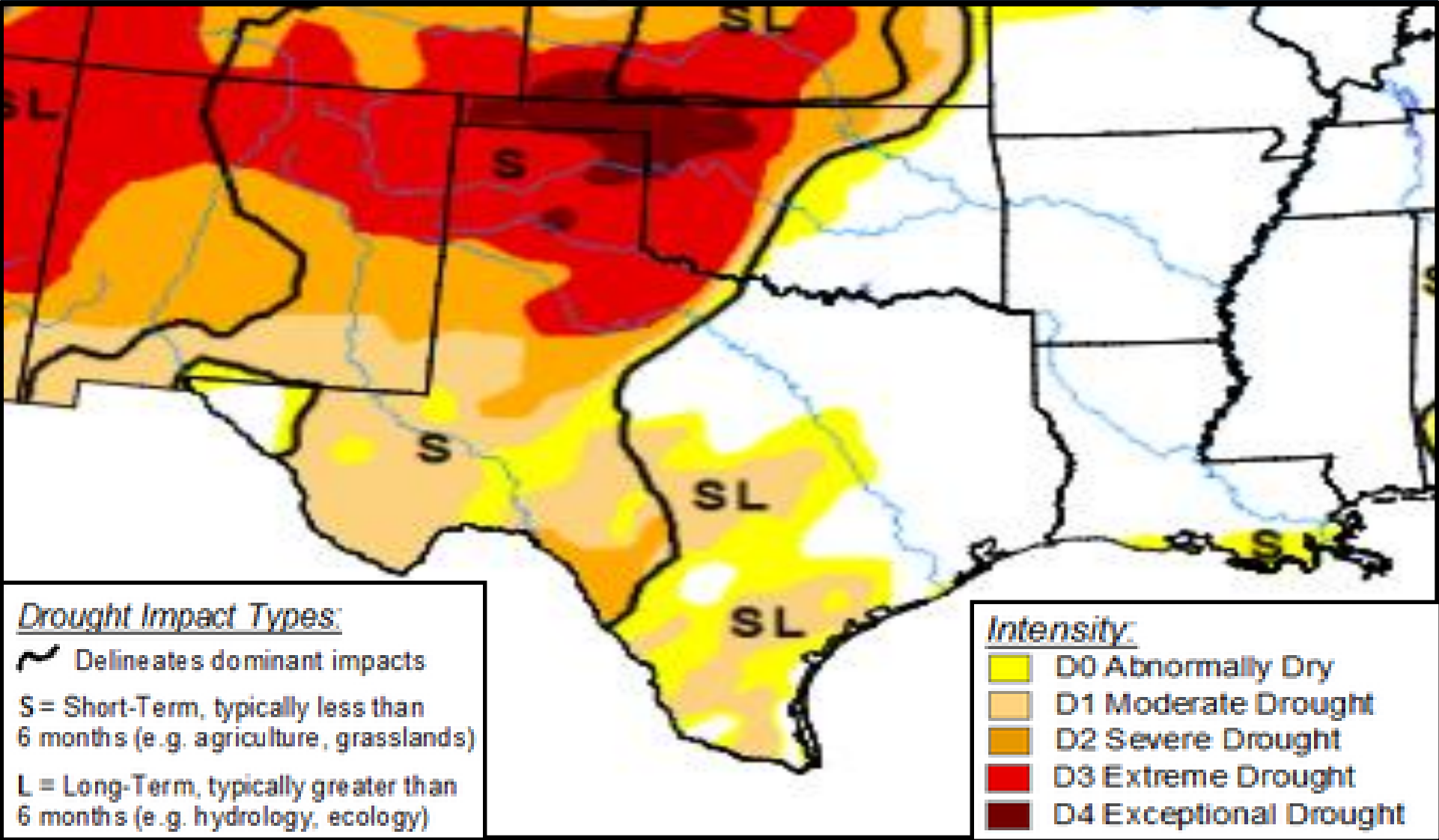
Drought Monitor (Released Apr 5th, 2018)



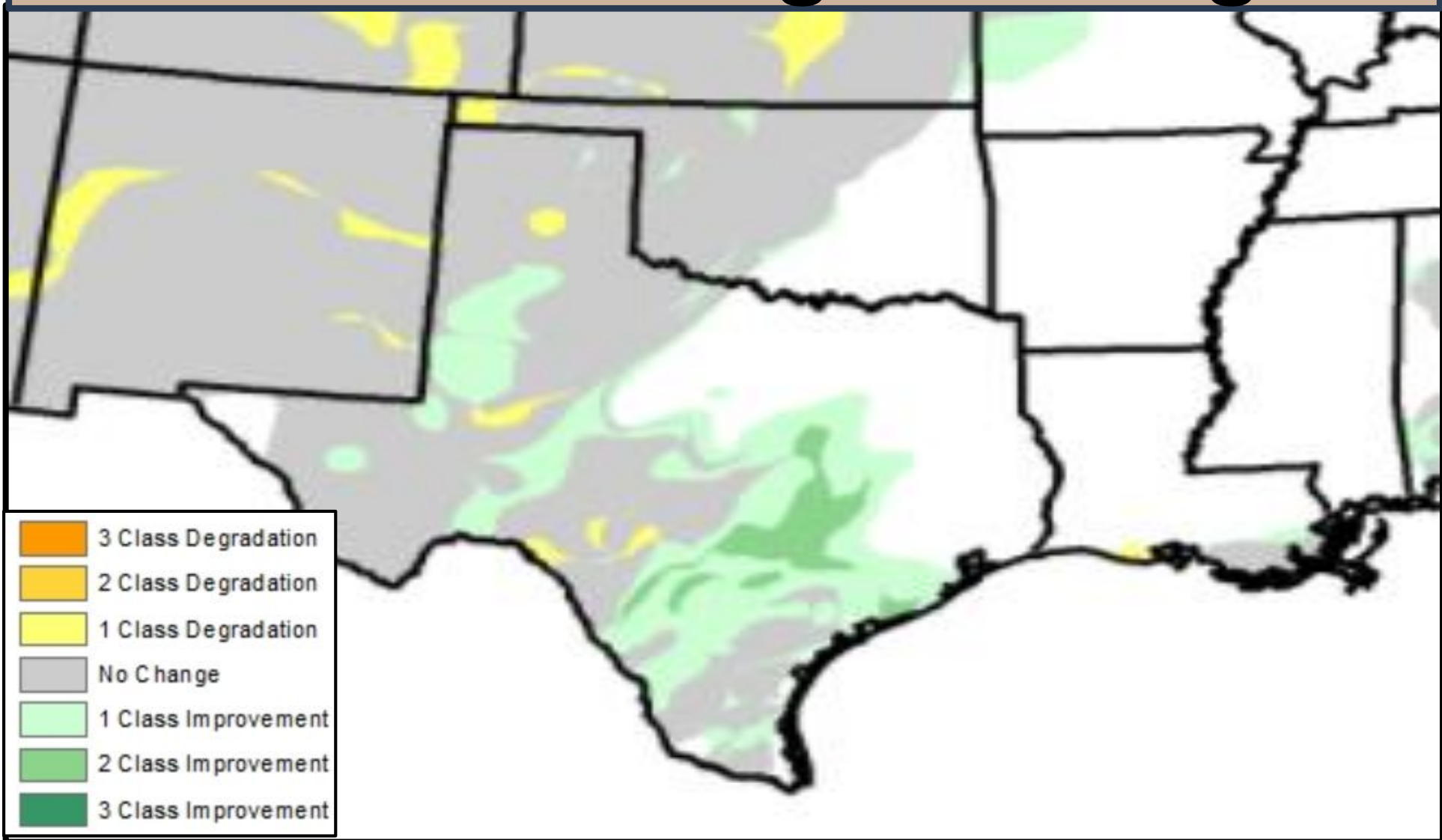
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Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

Drought Monitor



One Week Change in Drought



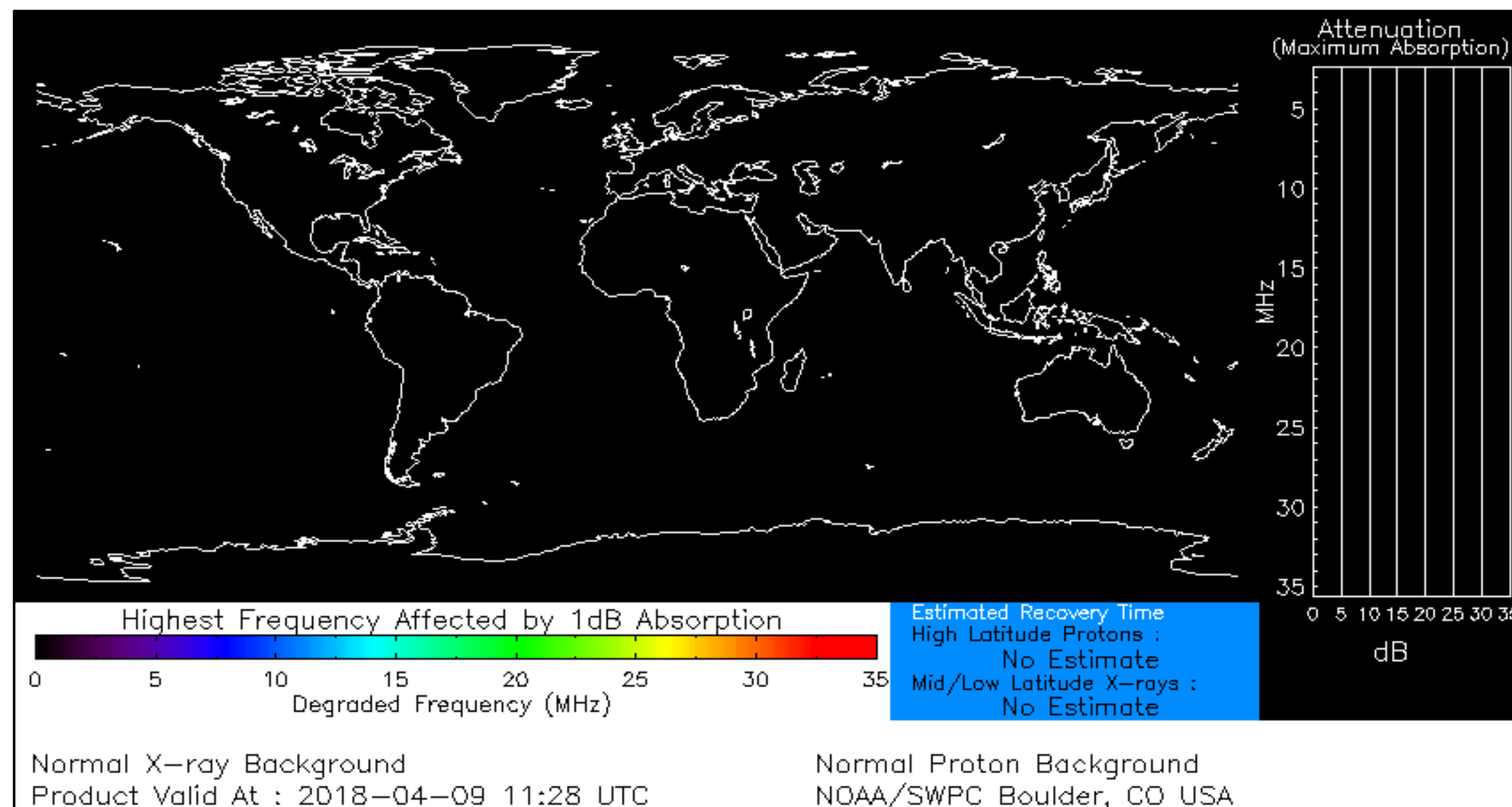
Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.37%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	34.85%	34.93%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	13.21%	15.08%	0.11%	0.00%
New Mexico	38.87%	34.06%	0.00%	0.00%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



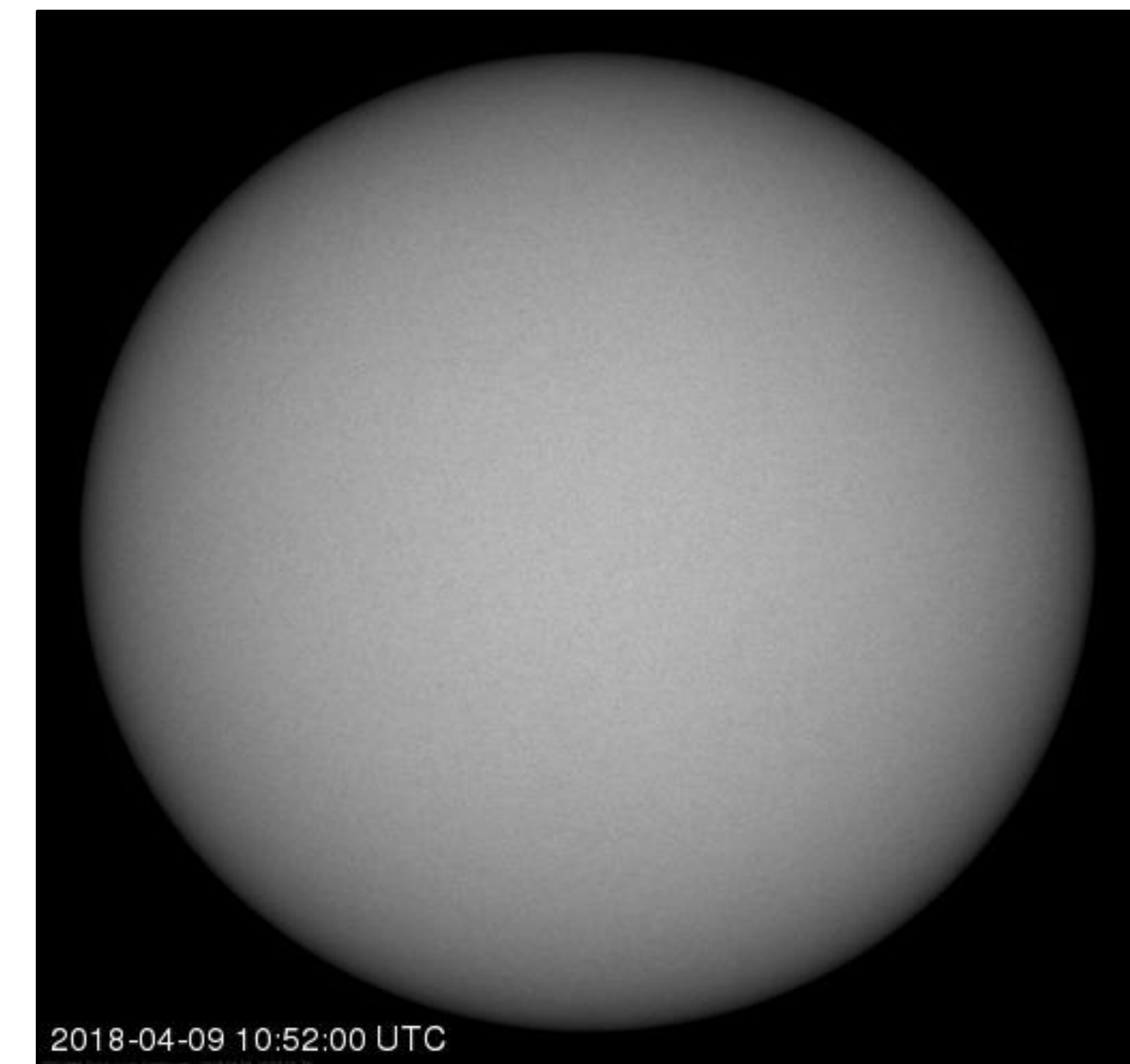
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 3)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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